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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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Dear Supervisors:

**PARATRANSIT PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2005-06
PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TRANSIT FUNDS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the disbursement of \$1,617,800 of the First Supervisorial District's allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds for the continuation of paratransit projects for eligible patrons in the unincorporated areas of the First Supervisorial District for Fiscal Year 2005-06. The paratransit program includes the following projects: Azusa/Glendora, East Los Angeles, Rancho Los Amigos, Teen Mother, Willowbrook/Walnut Park, and Whittier/West Covina Islands. Attachment A lists these projects and their individual contract amounts, providers, and terms.
2. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate the following three renewal agreements for paratransit projects in the First Supervisorial District: The Azusa/Glendora paratransit project provided by the City of Azusa for a cost of \$103,000, the Rancho Los Amigos paratransit project provided by the Los Amigos Research and Education Institute for a cost of \$41,000, and the Teen Mother paratransit project provided through the Hacienda/La Puente Unified School District for a cost of \$6,000.

3. Instruct the Acting Director of Public Works, or his designee, to sign the agreements.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On January 4, 1983, your Board directed that funds for paratransit services should come from each District's allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds at the discretion of each Supervisor. In Fiscal Year (FY) 1983-84, and in subsequent fiscal years, your Board approved paratransit services providing transportation opportunities for eligible patrons of the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

The purpose of this action is to approve the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated areas of the First Supervisorial District and to authorize the Acting Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate and enter into renewal agreements for provision of services in certain areas in the First Supervisorial District.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan of Service Excellence as it provides services to the public in a responsive manner. These services improve the mobility of the transit dependent patrons.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This action authorizes the disbursement of \$1,617,800 for the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated areas of the First Supervisorial District for FY 2005-06.

Three existing agreements to provide the services will expire on June 30, 2005. This action authorizes the Acting Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate and enter into renewal agreements to continue these services during FY 2005-06. The three renewal agreements are with the following agencies (FY 2005-06 cost and duration are noted): The Azusa/Glendora paratransit project provided by the City of Azusa for a cost of \$103,000 (2 years), the Rancho Los Amigos paratransit project provided by the Los Amigos Research and Education Institute for a cost of \$41,000 (2 years), and the Teen Mother paratransit project provided through the Hacienda/La Puente Unified School District for a cost of \$6,000 (1 year). We will seek your Board's approval for FY 2006-07 contract amounts at a later date.

Three paratransit projects have agreements that were previously executed. The East Los Angeles, Whittier/West Covina Islands, and the Willowbrook/Walnut Park paratransit projects are provided under existing agreements for a combined FY 2005-06 disbursement of \$1,467,800. Therefore, the FY 2005-06 paratransit program for the First Supervisorial District totals \$1,617,800, which includes the renewed project agreements approved by this Board action for \$150,000 and the previously executed project agreements for \$1,467,800. Attachment A lists these projects and their individual contract amounts, providers, and terms.

The aforementioned program will be financed from the First Supervisorial District's allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds available in the Transit Enterprise Fund administered by Public Works. There will be no impact on net County costs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

These agreements will be in compliance with the mandatory jury service requirements as set forth in Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203.010 through 2.203.090, Jury Service Program. The agreements will be signed after receiving the signed Jury Service Program Exception and Certification forms. Should we not receive the signed forms from a contractor for service, that service will be interrupted until we receive the forms and the agreement is signed.

The agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to submittal to the Acting Director of Public Works, or his designee, for signature. The agreements will be signed before the term of service begins. Any service(s) for which the agreements are not signed before the term of service begins will be reported to the First Supervisorial District office.

Upon your approval, we will inform the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority of the continuation of these projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On May 15, 2001, Synopsis 92, your Board found the paratransit program to consist of discretionary projects that are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the Public Resources Code 21080 (b) (10) under transportation-related projects.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas are provided primarily through participation in joint paratransit projects with cities and other governmental agencies adjacent to the unincorporated County areas and less frequently through contracts the County enters into with private, for-profit or nonprofit, transportation service providers.

Through participation in joint paratransit projects, the County benefits by a lower service cost due to economies of scale, better service to residents because of service coordination and, when available, subsidies provided through grants from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's grant program provides financial assistance to agencies that coordinate paratransit services across jurisdictional boundaries.

Most of the cities and other governmental agencies that allow the County to partner with them contract with private transportation service providers through a competitive selection and procurement process. The County's share of the cost of the service is proportionately based on the number of unincorporated residents that use the service. When the County contracts directly with a transportation service provider, a competitive procurement process is used.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action provides for the continuation of the current services.

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CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return two approved copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

ATTACHMENT A
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1
PARATRANSIT PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

SERVICE AGREEMENTS UP FOR RENEWAL	PROVIDER	MULTIPLE YEAR TERMS	AGREEMENT EXPIRATION	2005-06 CONTRACT AMOUNT
Azusa/Glendora	City of Azusa (1)	2-YEAR	06/30/07	\$103,000
Rancho Los Amigos (All Districts)	Los Amigos Research and Education Institute (1)	2-YEAR	06/30/07	\$41,000
Teen Mother (with SD 4 & SD 5)	Hacienda La Puente Unified School District (1)		06/30/06	\$6,000
SUBTOTAL				\$150,000

PREVIOUSLY EXECUTED AGREEMENTS(2)				
East Los Angeles	Southland Transit (3)	4.5-YEAR	06/30/08	\$933,800
Whittier/WestCovina Islands (with SD 4 & SD 5)	Southland Transit (3)	4.5-YEAR	06/30/08	\$362,000
Willowbrook/Walnut Park (with SD 2)	Southland Transit (3)	3.25-YEAR	06/30/07	\$172,000
SUBTOTAL				\$1,467,800

GRAND TOTAL	\$1,617,800
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NOTE:

- (1) City, Joint Powers Authority, or Governmental Agency
- (2) Agreements were executed in prior years. This action approves the FY 2005-06 contract amount.
- (3) Private Transit Service Provider